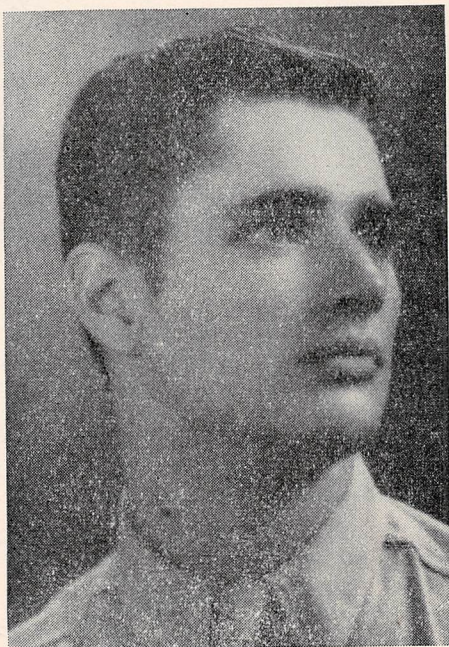


for the junior groups and gets her share of folk dancing in the senior group. On September 8th she again presented at Stefanik's large ball room, Superior and Noble, an annual dance recital sponsored by the School of National Songs and Dances of Alliance of Polish Clubs. The performers were exclusively pupils of Emily. Vivat!



Pvt. Edwin J. Kunce

This handsome soldier who enlisted in the US Army for a three year period, is getting his training in Radar at Boca Raton, Fla. He received his preliminary training in San Antonio, Texas. Edwin was home for a two week furlough during September. He is a graduate of the Lithuanian school of the Nativity and Tilden Technical High School and it a first cousin of Lil Cinskas-Dulys. Ed has two more handsome brothers and two charming sisters. Beautiful Genevieve is a national folk festival vet.

Laural Litchfield

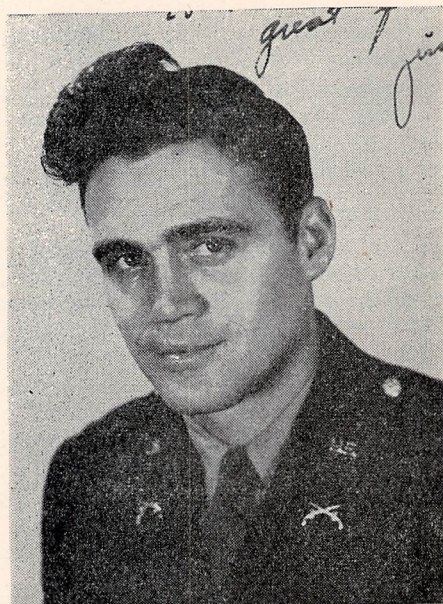
She is only 14, but looks 17; well built, lovely and rather mature. Her voice is that of a mature and well trained singer, who, one would think, has been singing for the last dozen years. This big little girl with the lovely voice has been making many records which are used over the North Dakota Farmers Union broadcasting stations. Laural's mother is an accomplished pianist, so no wonder all this talent. The Litchfields live in Gwinner, N. Dakota, and are good VILTI'ites. Here's to you, Laural!

Jay O'Rear Back From Bikini

Young Chicago sailor and folk dancer, Jay O'Rear ETM 2/C, who, before going to his post in the Pacific, was a Radar instructor at Navy Pier, recently returned to Chicago on terminal leave. Jay was scheduled for discharge last spring but signed up volunteering to participate in the BIKINI Atom Bomb tests. His target study was S. S. Arkansas. He participated in both tests, and he does not regret volunteering. The impressions were awesome and long to be remembered. The big ship Arkansas split in halves and seemed to leap hundreds of feet in the air.

On his way to Bikini, Jay stopped off for a week in Hawaii and enjoyed the sights of Oahu and Honolulu. On his return to the states, on August 15th, he and four

fellow sailors bought an old car and spent over two weeks traveling and seeing all the interesting spots and various National Parks of California, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Colorado and Kansas. This too was an experience he doesn't regret. In Colorado Springs he participated in the weekly folk dancing that is sponsored by the Jr. Chamber of Commerce. Jay was discharged September 26th and signed up with the U. of Chicago where he will major in physics. Naturally, he will continue with his folk dancing.



Lt. James Casebere

"Our Jimmy" is home again after three years of service with the Army. For the last two years Jimmy was overseas, mainly in Tokyo where he was a Marshal Provost in an interpreting and translation bureau. He is now spending his 30 day terminal leave in his home town of Fairhope, Ala., where many welcomes are extended in his honor. Jimmy is a very talented youth and a staunch VILTI'ite; VILTIS extends the warmest welcome to him. We hope to see him soon in Chicago. Jim's nephew, Pfc. Ronald Casebere, left Germany on September 28th for the States also to commence his terminal leave. It will be good to have him back, his wife, Mary Kay, will be especially happy. Out of the 350 original VILTI'ites in the service, the following are still in; Pfc. Marvin Metzger, S/Sgt. Wilford Vezis, Pvt. Edwin Kunce, SC 1/C Kazy kawalski, EM 2/C Tom Edmonds, S2/C Eugene Brandenburg, Pvt. Kenneth Tveit, Coxswain Jack Smith, and Chaplain Wm. R. Shaw. 3 VILTI'ites are joining the Army this month: Paul Gaston, Bill Welch of White Bear Lake, Minn., and Eddie Kaupas of Chicago.

Sid Rogers, A Lith Star.

When Sid Rogers was putting on his snappy USO uniform in his room at New York City's Slane Y, preparing for an evening's performance at a psychoneurotic hospital, his attention was caught by the Lithuanian name and cover design of VILTIS, which our VILTI'ite backer Hugh Jones was reading. Sid glanced through the copy and was particularly interested in the news dispatches about Lithuania, for his mother is a Lithuanian-born person. Thus, a new friend was acquired by VILTIS.

For three and a half years, during the war period, Sid toured the South Pacific USO Circuit. He starred in the G-I production "Stars and Gripes" which has a cast of 60 and was produced by Melvyn Douglas.

Much of Sid's time in New York had been spent rehearsing for "Patsy", in which he exercises his versatile talent by portraying a 65 year old husband of a Mary Blandish type woman with a garrulous tongue. This "legit" will be presented by the USO troupe opening in Hawaii and making all the stops from there to Tokyo. Sid left for Hawaii on August 22nd.

Upon completion of the present USO stint, Sid looks forward to taking over his old part in "Stars and Gripes", this time to be produced on Broadway by Melyn Douglas. It will, Sid predicts, be a greater hit than "Call Me Mister".

During his travels, Sid found the G-I audiences the toughest critics he has ever encountered during his 14 years of show business. But when a good show is presented for them, they are more wildly enthusiastic than other audiences.

Viltis joins to wish success unending to Sid.

Richard Spater To Paris

Richard Spater, who before and since the war had a responsible position with the Trans-World Airlines, has been promoted to the office of district traffic manager, with headquarters in Paris. Before the war Mr. Spater was with the TWA office in Chicago. It was during that period that Mrs. Spater (Dorothy Swedelius) became acquainted with the International House folk dance group and various Int. Housers. During the war the Spaters moved back to their home town of Fairhope, Ala. where they built their own home. It was through Mrs. Spater that I was brought down to Fairhope, and finally, even I made my home down yonder and accepted a position with the School of Organic Education.

As soon as Mr. Spater finds living accommodations in Paree, Mrs. Spater and their children will also go abroad. Best of luck from VILTIS and all your friends here.

Jimmy Rockwell

James Nelson Rockwell who entered the Navy at the age of 17 following his graduation from the Organic School in Fairhope, Ala., received his discharge and arrived in Fairhope on August 9th. Jimmy was a Seaman 1st Class and was in various outposts of the Pacific, China and Japan. He has entered the U. of Alabama in Tuscaloosa where he will major in Chemical Engineering. Good luck, Jimmy boy.

Ronald Legler Injured

In a letter from Neil Peters we learned that our friend Ronald Legler from Jamestown, N. D., suffered a broken arm and two ribs in a fall. We are very regretful to learn of it and we all join to wish Ronny a quick and full recovery. Ronny and the Peters boys (Neil and Loren) are active 4-H members and winners of many blue ribbons for their superb expositions at various fairs.

Dancing At The Nook

Since International House was closed during September for house cleaning, many whose dancing feet would not permit to rest a whole month doing "nothing" formed a class which was held Tuesday evenings to brush up on Yugoslav Kolos. Now, they, too, can dance the Kolo.

Condolence Extended

To the Paul Engelhardts on the death of Mrs. Caroline Holzbaur, mother of Mrs. Engelhardt, on Saturday, Sept. 14th, at the age 81. Interment took place at St. Lucas cemetery. Mrs. Holzbaur was the grandmother of Mrs. Joseph Jania, Int. House and Northwestern folk dancer.



DAKOTAN VILTI'ITES

Mrs. Flammang (of Minot), Mrs. Thelma Bowen (Williston), Lee Vern Brotherton (Forbes), Mrs. Jennie Swanston (Williston), Mrs. Anna Westphal (Springbrook), Vytautas Beliajus (from everywhere), Anna Fog (Lisbon), Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Offerdahl (Bismark) and Mrs. Leland Shroyer (Jamestown and New Rockford). The picture was taken in front of the lodge at International Peace Gardens, on the Canadian border.

BABIES



A daughter was born to Anthony and Bernice Skirius, of Oakland, Cal. The baby was named Adele Ruta. The parents are both Folk Festival vets. Mrs. Skirius was the folk dance instructress of the Lith. Ateitininkai group. Mr. Skirius is the co-editor of Kalifornijos Lietuviai (Californian Lithuanians). Ilgiausiu Metu!

A daughter arrived to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Domdavičius (she—nee Rozgus) on October 3rd at the Lying In of the University of Chicago. The little girl was named Diana Marie and is their second child. Now, little Martin will have a sister. Congratulations!

VACATIONISTS

Eddie Totten, former Lt. and and flight instructor of the Naval-Marines and now a student at the U. of Chicago, went down to Fairhope for a between-term vacation. Eddie is interested in the World Federation movement and while in Fairhope conferred with the organization there . . . Mr. Edward Casebere, artist, brother of our Jimmy and father of Ronny who is now in Germany, paid a visit to his folks in Fairhope, Ala., and also took in some deep sea fishing. Mr. Casebere is at present employed in Chicago.

The Zunkers vacationed at the Lithuanian owned resort at Sodus, Michigan, owned by Mr. Bachunas. They reported that Mr. Bachunas was a fine host . . . The Richardsons from Chicago, made an extensive trip through North Dakota to Glacier Park, Salt Lake City, Colorado Springs and other points west . . . Ernest Potts came in from St. Paul to Chicago for his vacation and found himself stranded, not having hotel reservations, But Vyts Beliajus lives in Chicago and all was well . . . The Janias vacationed in Wisconsin and rested up well, storing enough energy to continue folk dancing at Northwestern and International House.